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1. GOI MINISTER OF COMMERCE FEREDOUN MAHDAVI AND NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PAK SAUNG CHUL ON MARCH 16 SIGNED A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING CALLING FOR TOTAL TWO-WAY TRADE OF \$700 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE SIGNING CAME AT THE END OF A WEEK'S VISIT BY AN 11-MAN DELEGATION HEADED BY CHUL.

2. THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING PROVIDES FOR IRANIAN IMPORT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS OF 1 MILLION TONS OF STEEL, 1 MILLION TONS OF CORN, 500,000 TONS OF CEMENT, 250,000 TONS OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZER, AND UNDISCLOSED QUANTITIES OF FOOD STUFFS AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. NO MENTION WAS MADE IN THE OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE OF ITEMS NORTH KOREA WOULD BUY FROM IRAN. THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING STATED THAT IRAN WOULD MAKE \$200 MILLION IN ADVANCE AVAILABLE TO NORTH KOREA TO COVER

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PAYMENT FOR IRANIAN IMPORTS.

3. COMMENT: TEHRAN'S PRESSE REPORTED A TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, BUT THE FARSI TEXT OF THE PRESS RELEASE CLEARLY TRANSLATED AS "LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING" AND SAID A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED IN THE "NEAR FUTURE." THE FIRST TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND NORTH KOREA WENT INTO EFFECT IN NOVEMBER 1973 (REFERENCE B). A GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF OFFICIAL GOI TRADE STATISTICS IS AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH MARCH 20, 1974, AND UP UNTIL THAT TIME TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD REMAINED NEGLIGIBLE. NEVERTHELESS, THE IRAN/DPRK LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING REPRESENTS THE GOI'S CONTINUING ATTEMPT TO ASSURE SOURCES OF SUPPLY FOR NEEDED COMMODITIES WHICH ALREADY ARE SCARCE OR LATER MAY BE IN SHORT SUPPLY. IF THE NORTH KOREANS CAN OFFER COMPETITIVE PRICES AND DELIVERY DATES, THEY WILL PROBABLY FIND A WILLING CUSTOMER IN IRAN.
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